



Cottonwood Police Department

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SUSPECT / DRIVER #1: Nathan Robert Mason, 27 year old Cottonwood resident

CHARGES: Pending results of blood analysis:

SUSPECT'S VEHICLE: Maroon 1995 Buick Le Sabre 4 door sedan

EVIDENCE:

1. Blood specimen kit.
2. Plastic bottle with 15 white tablets.

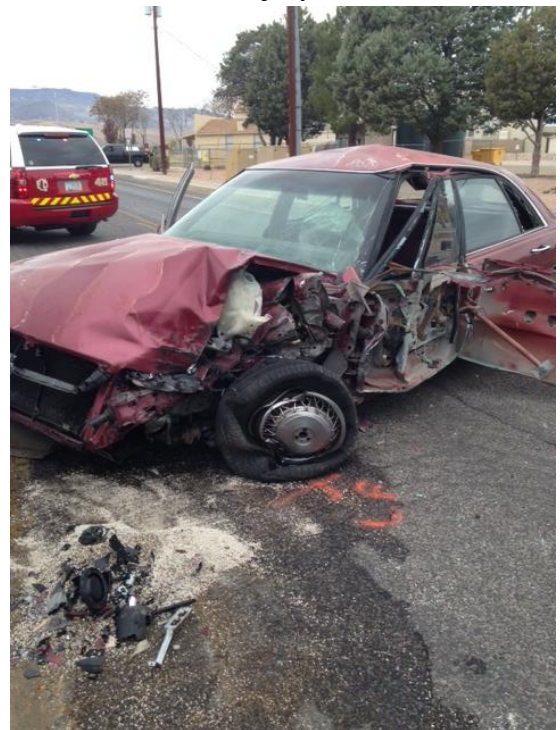
SYNOPSIS: On 12/2/14 at about 1343 hours Nathan Mason was involved in an injury crash in the 200 block of E. Mingus Avenue in Cottonwood.

NARRATIVE:

On 12/2/14 at about 1343 hours Cottonwood Police responded to the 200 block of E. Mingus Avenue in reference to a report of a 2 vehicle injury crash. On arrival, Officers observed a semi-truck parked in the eastbound lane of Mingus Avenue. A maroon sedan (identified as vehicle the suspect vehicle) was sitting in the middle of the roadway. The vehicle had extensive damage to the front driver's side.

Officers furthered noticed a male sitting on the ground being attended to by EMS (later identified as Nathan Mason). When Mason was asked what had happened. He stated that he had looked down and when he looked up they hit head on.

Officers noticed that N. Mason was slurring his speech, his eyes were watery and bloodshot and his pupils seemed to be constricted. Mason stated he had not been drinking but does take prescription medication. A bottle of prescription medication was located on the ground near where Mason had been sitting.



Mason was transported to the Verde Valley Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries where Officers responded and obtained a blood specimen from Mason.

During an interview with the driver of the semi, it was revealed the semi was driving eastbound on Mingus Avenue and that he saw the suspect's vehicle drifting over in the center turn lane. The semi driver stated that at first he thought the driver was going to turn left however he continued to drift over until he drove under the trailers rear wheels.

At this time the investigation is continuing pending the return of the lab analysis of the blood specimen for possible DUI Charges of Mason.